

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Office Action mailed November 13, 2008. Claims 9-16 are pending in this Application. Claims 9-16 were rejected. Claims 9-10 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Claims 9-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 17-22 have been added. Claims 1-8 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 9-10 and 15-16 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,613,213 issued to Marc C. Naddell et al. ("*Naddell*"). Applicants have cancelled the claims in question rendering these rejections moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Naddell* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,903,832 issued to Jorma Seppanen et al. ("*Seppanen*"). Applicants have cancelled the claims in question rendering these rejections moot.

Newly-Added Claims

Applicants have added Claims 17-20. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 17-20 are supported by the specification and do not set forth new matter. In particular, Applicants note paragraphs [008] and [009] for support of specific elements of the new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and allow newly-added Claims 17-20.


CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2684.

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